



James Bowie High School

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Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Greetings Bulldog Nation,

All 10th and 11th graders are invited to attend our [career night](#) which will be held on Thursday, February 21, 2019, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. We will have representatives from a variety of careers sit in on a few panels to talk about their career and their pathway to get there. This is a great opportunity to learn more about careers students might be interested in and be able to ask them questions.

AP registration will be closing on February 23, 2019. Please make sure to register your student for his/her exam(s) soon if you haven't already! For more information about exams please visit our [website](#). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Ms. Valverde or Ms. Loza.

We will be offering the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) on March 14, 2019, from 9:00 am to noon. Students interested in taking this assessment must [sign up here](#). Space is limited! We're offering the ASVAB to all students as some will want to use this opportunity as a strengths assessment. Scores will be sent to Bowie, and given to students a couple weeks after the ASVAB.

Establishing and maintaining a positive, supportive, and safe campus climate is an ongoing priority. Therefore, upon hearing from a few students with concerns about how they or others are being treated by their classmates, we conducted a quick survey through English classes to determine the scope of concern at JBHS. We were pleased to affirm that our students generally feel safe, but the survey revealed some lack of understanding about what constitutes sexual harassment and its negative effects. We gleaned that while students know that unwanted touching is unacceptable, some struggle to understand how jokes, name-calling, comments, and gestures of a sexual nature are problematic and/or in violation of school policy, as well as state and federal law. We also learned that our students are unsure of what to do if they find themselves the target of, or a witness to, sexual harassment.

Therefore we are taking approximately 10 minutes on Friday to show our students a brief informational video to explicitly communicate expected standards of conduct, and to review Bowie's rules and reporting protocols related to harassment. Families are invited to view the presentation [here](#). As an Austin ISD Social and Emotional Learning SEED Model campus: committed to helping students learn to regulate their emotions, develop caring concern for others, establish positive relationships, and handle challenging situations constructively and ethically; we believe that sharing this information with students is an appropriate step in addressing an area of concern for our students and staff. We appreciate your support in this effort and encourage you to discuss these issues further with your child.

The annual Food Services survey is now open. Austin ISD is asking for feedback from [students and staff](#), as well as our [families](#). This survey allows us to review dining preferences, as well as address specific issues at particular campuses. The information collected will be used to help create future menus to best accommodate the needs of our communities. Past feedback has helped to create more balanced menus featuring healthier versions of student favorites paired with new, global dishes. If you have questions or need assistance with the survey, please contact Annelise Tanner by anneliese.tanner@austinisd.org or call 512-414-0228.

Registration for the [¡Adelante! Parent Leadership Conference](#) is now available. For the second annual conference, the theme is Proud of My Bilingual Family, Culture and Identity. The focus will be on the values of multilingualism, collaboration and parent/family leadership. The Spanish-only conference is an interactive learning experience for families and school staff to share their experiences. It also provides a way for attendees to share insight and innovative ideas that enhance community, school and family assets in support of children's academic success Austin ISD. We hope that you can join us on March 8, 2019, from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. For additional information, please contact Leonor Vargas at 512-414-3196 and/or the Parent Engagement Support Office (PESO) at 512-414-0726.

Sincerely,

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